



# Greensheet

Capital Area Recycling and Trash Newsletter

**Virg Bernero, Mayor**

The source for recycling, composting, refuse and bulk item collection information and waste reduction education for Lansing residents

## CART Is Your Source For Weekly Trash, Recycling And Yard Waste Collection Services!

All materials are picked up at the curbside on the same day, making it easy and convenient.

### Trash Collection Options:

#### **Blue Trash Cart**

3 sizes of trash carts are available. Our prices are the lowest in town! Contact CART to sign up.

- 32 gallon: \$38.00/3 months
- 65 gallon: \$43.00/3 months
- 95 gallon: \$49.00/3 months

#### **Blue Trash Bags**

Packages of 5, 30 gallon bags can be purchased for \$8.75. Buy and use as needed, no need to sign up for service.

*See page 4 for more details about household trash collection.*

## Single Stream Success!

There was a whopping 41% increase in the amount of material collected for recycling in the first 6 months of 2011 (single stream) compared to the first 6 months of 2010 (old program). Thanks to everyone who is taking advantage of the recycling program. Recycling helps to save energy, conserve natural resources and conserve space in local landfills. Keep up the good work!

CART is working on a number of ways to increase our recycling efforts and better serve the Lansing community. Grant funds have allowed us to implement several exciting pilot projects.

## Businesses Go Single Stream

In August, CART began providing curbside recycling collection to a select group of businesses in the Downtown and Old Town areas of the City. The program is free to these businesses for the first 6 months. After that, the program will be evaluated and a business recycling fee will be recommended.

This is great news for restaurants, retail stores, offices and other businesses who want to go green.



## Large Carts May Be The Answer For Increase In Recycling Set Outs

Due to the success of the single stream recycling program, many households have a lot more materials than what will fit inside the green bins. CART understand the need for a larger container, therefore a pilot project in a select neighborhood will be conducted throughout the Summer and Fall using large rolling carts. Information will be gathered during the pilot program and options will be considered to determine if large, rolling carts can be made available to all City residents.

**Recycling on the Go!** Keep an eye out for new recycling bins placed in busy public spaces, such as downtown on Washington Square. This is also a new CART pilot project. *See details on page 7.*

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# Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper  
& gift wrapping paper

#1-#2 and #4-7 Plastic containers  
(no Styrofoam)

Newspapers, magazines,  
brochures & inserts



Cartons



Paperboard boxes  
(cereal, pasta & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &  
Paper bags



Household scrap  
metal

Aluminum &  
metal cans



Phone books



Greeting cards, regular &  
junk mail



Glass bottles  
& jars  
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic  
(buckets, chairs, toys)

## NO

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleansers
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics

### NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,  
address labels, staples,  
metal fasteners,  
cellophane address  
windows, rubber bands,  
spiral bindings, plastic tabs

For all cardboard boxes, please  
flatten and cut down to 2' x 2' pieces.  
Empty and rinse all containers

**Please follow these guidelines  
and set your bin out by 7:00 AM.**



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# Recycling & Yard Waste Information

Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7 p.m. Bags, bins, or bundles must not exceed 30 lbs. and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash. Recyclables must be set out with green recycling bin.

## PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING DETAILED LIST OF ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- **Glass:** Transparent and translucent food and beverage bottles and containers. Paper labels are acceptable as are rings and lids on glass containers. All colors of glass are accepted
- **Tin/ Steel Cans:** Food and beverage containers, all sizes; paper labels are acceptable.
- **Household Scrap Metal:** including metal pots and pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, toasters, metal utensils, etc. NO METAL HANGERS
- **Aluminum:** Used beverage containers and foil clean of food
- **Household Plastic Containers #1, #2 and #4 through #7** - excluding Styrofoam and #3 PVC.
- **Bulky Rigid Plastics:** Including: buckets, crates, toys, trays, furniture, bins, barrels, etc.
- **Cartons:** Including milk and juice cartons also known as aseptic containers.
- **Newspapers:** Including inserts
- **Magazines:** Including catalogues, glossy flyers or mailers
- **Corrugated cardboard and Paper Bags:** Flatten and cut down to 2' x 2'. Can be damp but not soaked. Pizza boxes free of food are acceptable. Wax-coated old corrugated containers are not acceptable.
- **Paper:** Includes office paper, household writing paper, post-its, all residential mail including envelopes (manila and regular), copier paper, note pad paper, loose leaf fillers, computer paper (continuous-form perforated white bond or green-bar paper), shredded office paper placed in clear plastic bags, file folders, and card stock.
- **Boxboard:** commonly used in dry food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and other similar packaging.
- **Telephone books**
- **Clean Gift Wrapping Paper:** no bows, ribbons.

**Recycling bin full? We'll gladly take all recyclables set out at the curb. Place items that don't fit in the green bin into a cardboard box, plastic tote or other container that is no larger than the bin. Write "save" on the container so that it doesn't get mistakenly recycled. Please do not use plastic bags to set out recycling.**

## YARD WASTE



**Yard Clippings (Seasonal Collection)** Place leaves, grass clippings, or garden wastes in paper bags. Do not use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings. Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. NO wire. Paper lawn care bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores.

# Trash Disposal Information

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Call 483-4400 to get signed up today! The City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for 100 years, making us the leader in convenient curbside pickup. You can count on our affordable weekly collections. Our range of services and multiple cart sizes are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

**NO Hazardous waste, gasoline, or other explosive materials, and no wet paint, herbicides, pesticides, hot ash or coals. Please double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.**

## Blue Trash Carts - Sign Up Today!

These convenient and strong roll-out carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will help keep carts clean and minimize odors. Select the size of cart which suits your needs:

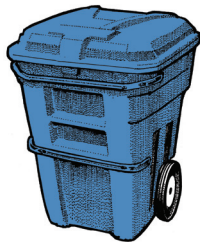
Billed quarterly, pre-paid service

**32-gal. cart= \$38.00 for 3 months**

**65-gal. cart= \$43.00 for 3 months**

**95-gal. cart= \$49.00 for 3 months**

(allowed up to 3 extra 30 gal bags on side of 95 gallon cart)



Prices are subject to change. Front door pickup is available. Please call 483-4400 for details.

### Convenient Payment options:

- Pay with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover by calling 483-4400.
- Send checks or money orders to:  
City of Lansing, CART  
601 E. South Street, Lansing, MI 48910
- Pay in person at: 601 E. South Street (NO cash accepted) A drop box is available for after hours payments.

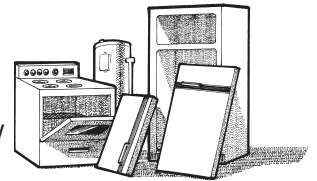
## Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores. **The cost is \$8.75 for a package of five 30 gallon bags** (prices subject to change). visit [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com) for complete list of locations where bags are available.



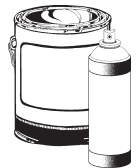
## Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 lbs. and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (prices subject to change). Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Each individual item must be tagged. NOTE: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.



## Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints each Thursday, from 2-6pm, from May – September. Contact 887-4521 for more information.



Unwanted medicines, including prescription or over the counter, are also accepted at this site. Controlled substances and vitamins/minerals are not accepted. Pills or capsules must be taken out of bottles or blister packs and placed in ziplock bag. Individual prescriptions do not need to be kept separate; they can all be mixed together in one bag. Liquids can be left in the original container, but all personal information must be blacked out.

## Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL's)

Can be dropped off at the BWL customer service center 1232 Haco Drive, from 8-5, M-F, any local Home Depot store, or to the County hazardous waste collection, during specified dates and times. Other sites are now established throughout the Greater Lansing area. See [www.recyclethatcfl.com](http://www.recyclethatcfl.com) for listings. Please double bag in sealable plastic bags.



# Holidays & Important Dates to Remember

## SEPTEMBER

- 5** Labor Day. No collection on Monday, September 5, 2011. Service delayed by one day for remainder of week. Thursdays pick up will be on Friday.
- 17** Recycle Rama! *See page 6 for details.*
- 21** Organizing and Recycling Presentation. *See page 6 for details.*

**MAY** Normal Service Schedule.

## NOVEMBER

- 11** Veteran's Day. Curbside collections will remain on a normal schedule throughout the entire week.
- 24** Thanksgiving. No Collection on Thursday, November 24th. Thursdays pick up will be on Friday.

## DECEMBER

- 25** Christmas. Trash and recycling collections will remain on a normal schedule throughout the week of Christmas.
- 31** New Year's Eve. The City of Lansing's trash and recycling collections will remain on a normal schedule throughout the week of the New Year.

## JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day. The City of Lansing's trash and recycling collections will remain on a normal schedule throughout the week of the New Year.
- 17** Martin Luther King Day. No collection on Tuesday, January 17th. Service delayed by one day for remainder of week. Thursdays pick up will be on Friday.

## FEBRUARY

Normal Service Schedule.

## Christmas Trees

Will be picked up from the week of January 2 to the week of January 9. Trees need to be at the curbside on the normal collection day and should be free of plastic bags, ornaments and other materials. Please cut trees taller than 6 feet in half.



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# Recycling News & Community Events

## RECYCLE RAMA

**Date:** September 17, 2011

**Time:** 9am-2pm

**Location:** Ingham County Health Department parking lot, 5303 S. Cedar St.



**All Items Free to Drop**

**Off! Donations Accepted, Not Expected**

### Items Accepted:

- **Electronics:** Computers (all types), computer accessories (keyboards, scanners, printers, etc.), televisions (all sizes), stereos/speakers, microwaves, copy machines, CD/DVD players, VCR's, telephones (land lines and cell phones), coffee makers, vacuum cleaners, toasters and other household items with a cord
- **Household Items:** dishes/cups, pots and pans, lamps, music cd's, dvd's, vhs tapes, candles/candle holders, baskets, Christmas items, tins, tools, craft supplies, picture frames, games /puzzles, knick knacks
- **Household Batteries**
- **Books** All types, including hard and soft cover, telephone books, etc
- **Clothing** Must be in wearable condition. No scrap textiles will be accepted.
- **Shoes** Place shoes in pairs
- **Unwanted medicine** Leave in original containers and cross out personal information
- **Appliances/Scrap metal**
- **Bicycles**
- **Dehumidifiers**
- **Room air conditioners**
- **#1-#7 plastics** Includes garden plastic pots and trays (shake off dirt and debris)
- **Compost Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL's)**
- **Mercury thermostats** Leave intact
- **Mercury thermometers** (Place in ziplock bag)
- **Used household fats, cooking oil, and grease**
- **Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam)** no packing peanuts.
- **Fabrics/Yarn** Fabrics in usable condition only - 1/4 yard or larger. Full skeins of yarn only.
- **Eyeglasses**
- **Corks** – traditional only, no plastic corks

**Other materials may be added.**

**Check [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com) for up to date information!**

## RECYCLING/ORGANIZING SERIES PRESENTATION

**Date:** September 21, 2011

**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

**Location:** Capital Area District Library, 3500 S. Cedar St.

**COST:** FREE!

Part 2 of the "Organizing and Recycling in Your Home" series focuses on the kitchen. Presenters will share helpful hints and ways to reduce clutter and better manage space. Participants will also learn about reducing waste, reusing, composting and recycling. The presentation is sponsored by the City of Lansing's Capital Area Recycling & Trash, the Michigan Recycling Coalition and Michigan Professional Organizers. Change last line to: For more information contact CART by calling 517-483-4400 or email [recycle@lansingmi.gov](mailto:recycle@lansingmi.gov).

## Get Your FREE CFL Kits Now

As part of the Hometown Energy Savers Program, Lansing Board of Water & Light residential electric customers can receive four compact fluorescent light bulbs and the Energy Savers Tip Booklet by visiting [lansing.efi.org](http://lansing.efi.org) or calling 702-6006. Each kit can save a customer up to \$120 on electric bills over the bulbs' lifetime. Kits will be mailed directly to your home. Limit one kit per household/per year.



## Notes From the Recycling Drivers

The hard working team of drivers are collecting more materials than ever. Here are some tips to help them in their efforts: **Please break down cardboard to manageable sizes in accordance with the recycling guidelines (2' x 2'),** we have a lot of ground to cover and we do not have time to break down large pieces. Also, if you have a lot of cardboard, please place it broken down in either: paper bags, boxes the size of the recycling bin or other method to keep it from blowing down the street.

**Please do not put recyclables in plastic bags.** Our program does not recycle bags, and tearing open bags delays us. Please use the recycling bin, paper bag, or box the size of a bin.

**The collection material has been very clean, keep up the good work.** As a reminder, if we see trash in the bin, we will not take it.

# Recycling News & Community Events *cont.*

## BWL Hometown Energy Savers®

The Lansing Board of Water & Light's (BWL) offers several opportunities for residential electric customers to become more energy efficient. Visit the BWL Hometown Energy Savers website at [www.lbw.com/htes.asp](http://www.lbw.com/htes.asp) to learn more about the following services:

## Recycle Your Holiday Lights and Receive Free LED Lights!

Beginning on November 17, 2011 BWL residential electric customers can exchange two strands of working incandescent holiday lights for two FREE strands of energy-saving LED holiday lights while supplies last. There is a limit of two strands of LED holiday lights per household. The program will end on December 2, 2011 or sooner if supplies run out.



*The LED holiday light exchange will take place at these locations:*  
BWL's Customer Service Center,  
1232 Haco Drive, Lansing.  
Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays.

City of East Department of Public Works  
1800 E. State Road.  
Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

## Refrigerator & Freezer Recycling

Recycle your older operating refrigerator. BWL will pick it up for FREE and you'll get a \$30 check. Call 877-270-3519 or visit the website to schedule online.

## FAQ – Is It Necessary To Peel Labels Off Containers?

Today's recycling technology includes machinery and equipment that remove paper labels from cans and bottles during processing. Residents DO NOT have to remove labels. Visit our website at [www.lansingrecycles.com](http://www.lansingrecycles.com) and click on the you tube clip to see a short video of the processing facility in Ann Arbor where the materials are shipped to.

## Winter is coming!



- **Clear your sidewalk.** Property owners have an obligation to clear the sidewalks in front of their property of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snow fall. Do your part. Report violations to (517)483-4161. Property owners that fail to remove snow or ice that has accumulated on their sidewalk within 24 hours will be considered in violation of the city's snow and ice ordinance and the city will remove the snow and ice, and charge the property owner the cost for removal.

- **Do not push or plow snow from a private drive or parking lot into the public street.** Snow that is plowed into the street is a hazard to traffic.

- **Give the snow plows and salt trucks plenty of room.** The salt and plow trucks drive slower than the rest of traffic when applying salt and clearing snow. Remember, the salt truck is tossing rock salt, and the plow is tossing snow to the curb-both activities you want to stay clear of. Also, these trucks are operating under inclement conditions as well, and have a large blind spot behind them- please do not cut them off or tailgate them. If you cannot see their mirrors, they cannot see you.

- **Do not park overnight on streets:** Vehicles parked overnight on the streets prevent plow trucks from reaching the curb and may possibly be plowed in.

## Recycling On The Go



If you've visited Lansing's Old Town or Downtown areas recently, you may have noticed some new recycling bins on the sidewalks. This is part of a grant funded project to provide recycling opportunities to people on the go and is meant to recover items such as plastic bottles, cups and containers from local food establishments, as well as newspaper and other items people may have to dispose while walking down the street. The containers are easy to identify and provide a convenient way of recycling in public.



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Capital Area Recycling and Trash**

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Lansing, Michigan 48910

**To Our Friends At:**

**CART HOTLINE  
517/483-4400**

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See page 4 for information about our convenient, weekly trash service. We offer same day service for trash, recycling and yard waste pick up.



**Recycle Rama**, Lansing's largest one day recycling event will be held on Saturday, September 17! See page 6 for details.



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